

## House Resolution No. 568

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Minerva Carr Nichols Canavan, a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a festive family celebration on February 28, 2004.; and

**Whereas**, Minerva Carr Nichols Canavan came into this world in St. Louis on March 1, 1904, as the third of four daughters born to proud and loving parents William L. Nichols and Eugenia Carr Nichols, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, the great-granddaughter of William C. Carr of St. Louis, who served as the attorney for Meriwether Lewis, Minerva Canavan graduated from Soldan High School and continued her education at Washington University; and

**Whereas**, on December 19, 1926, Minerva embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved James M. Canavan, a kind and caring gentleman, with whom she shared the love and affection of three fine children; and

**Whereas**, during World War II, Minerva and her husband, Jim, joined several of their friends in tending a Victory Garden, which produced large quantities of vegetables for their families; and

**Whereas**, a lifelong Episcopalian and devout member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church since moving to Webster Groves in 1928, Minerva Canavan has been abundantly blessed with a wonderful family whose members include her three children, Minerva C. Canavan of Boulder, Colorado, Constance C. Roeder of Clayton, and James McGregor Canavan, Jr. (deceased); her five grandchildren, Geoff Roeder of Chesterfield, John Roeder of Boise, Idaho, Kurt Roeder (deceased), Carolyn Canavan of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Elizabeth Canavan of Boulder, Colorado; and her great-granddaughter, Ashley Roeder of Clayton; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Minerva Canavan faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, playing bridge five days a week, working crossword puzzles, and sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at the Gatesworth, where she now resides:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Minerva Canavan as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Minerva Carr Nichols Canavan, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kathlyn Fares  
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 568, adopted February 12, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker